

1. (Original) A method for browsing and retrieving pictures in a picture database via a graphical user interface (GUI), said method comprising the steps of:

capturing a digital image;

receiving position information in the form of metadata corresponding to a geographical location where said digital image is captured;

storing digital images and associated metadata in said picture database;

generating a main display level having a first geographical metaphor with picture icons, each said picture icon corresponding to a specific location in said first geographical metaphor at which a group of pictures in said picture database were captured ~~at a specific location in said first geographical metaphor;~~

~~and~~

generating at least a second display level linked to said main display level, said second display level having a second geographical metaphor with greater geographical specificity than said first geographical metaphor with picture icons, each said picture icon corresponding to a specific location in said second geographical metaphor at which a group of pictures in said picture database captured were captured ~~at a specific location in said first geographical metaphor,~~ and

generating an additional display level comprising representations of the pictures corresponding to icons in said second display level;

wherein said second display level is generated via activating a picture icon in said main display level, and wherein the additional display level is generated by activating a picture icon in the second display level.